The construction of the road to Kakkamoola *kadavu* depends again on the written consent of the people interested to surrender their land free for compensation.

The extension of the Vellayani lake road will be taken up in the order of priority recommended by the Road Board, again when funds are available.

In regard to the construction of bridges at Poovar and other places, investigation is being carried on; an estimate has been called for in regard to the bridge at Mandapattu *kadavu*, and the District Road Board considers that the bridge across the Vellayani lake is not urgent.

As for a *satram* at Kovalam, report is being awaited from the Maramat Engineer.

The establishment of ferry service at Idinjakaratturuttu *kadavu* has been recommended; but it awaits the approval of the Central Board.

The Commissioner of Police has recommended that the Nemam Station should be transferred to Balaramapuram.

There is an Agricultural Inspector at Neyyattinkara. A demonstration farm and an agricultural school can be opened only when we have funds.

Nor can we open an Anchal Office between Vellayani and Kovalam until the necessary guarantee by the people is forthcoming.

If a technical school under private management is opened, the question of recognising it and giving grant-in-aid under the rules will be considered.

The question of opening branches of the Land Mortgage Bank will be considered when business develops.

80. Needs of the Neyyattinkara municipal town

MR. C. R. AIYAPPAN VAIDYAN (*Municipal Council, Neyyattinkara*) said that the Neyyattinkara Municipality was one of the poorest Municipalities in the State. Want of adequate funds much hampered its activities. As a remedy for this, he suggested the desirability of extending the municipal limits westward up to the 4th milestone from its present limit and eastward from Amaravila to the 15th milestone including the markets also within municipal limits. This would enable the Municipality to collect a good amount under market dues.

The local girls' school was located in a congested place. The proximity of the school to the Palace and the temple made the school inaccessible to the Pulaya and Paraya students. The school should be located at the site acquired for the purpose near the travellers' bungalow.

The road from the Neyyattinkara town to Moolayilkonam was in a deplorable condition. It should be metalled, if not for the whole length, at least as far as the town limits.

The local English High School was not adequately furnished. This want should be supplied. The premises of the school should also be

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extended so as to provide a playground. The practice of frequently transferring the teachers of the school was quite undesirable and should be put a stop to.

Much difficulty was experienced owing to the absence of pay-wards in the local District Hospital. The absence of lying-in-wards and maternity wards also caused much inconvenience to the people. Additional kitchens were also necessary. The hospital premises also needed extension.

The arrack and toddy shops in the town should be removed from within the municipal limits.

An Ayurveda hospital should be established in the town.

The financial condition of the Municipality was far from satisfactory. If the Municipality be permitted to levy tolls, the finances could be improved considerably.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Aiyappan Vaidyan, the question of extending the town limits is engaging the attention of Government.

An estimate for Rs. 12,035 was sanctioned five years ago for constructing a building for the girls' school at the new site. It has not yet been possible to take up the work owing to lack of funds. As soon as funds are available, we will get on with it.

In regard to the metalling of the road from the town to Moolayilkonam, it cannot be metalled when there are other more important roads which require metalling. The road is being maintained in the best manner possible with the sanctioned maintenance grant.

The Director of Public Instruction has been instructed to take up the question of land acquisition for providing a playground for the English High School next year, if funds permit.

Last year, it was decided that the improvements to the hospital which you want were not necessary. At the moment, there are, under the Health Unit, four child-welfare centres in the locality.

Government have decided that the removal of arrack and toddy shops from municipal limits should await the results of the local option experiment at Changanachery.

It has been decided definitely that no Government Aided Ayurveda *vaidyasalas* should be opened in municipal towns. There is already one grant-in-aid *vaidyasala* in the town.

The general question of granting Municipalities the right to levy tolls will be taken up shortly.

81. Needs of the Trivandrum taluk.

MR. P. N. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum taluk, Group I*) at the outset said that this session of the Assembly was important in two respects, firstly, as it was the first session after the assumption by His Highness the Maha Raja of ruling powers and secondly, as

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